

Treynor Community School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 29, 2018

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Thursday, November 29, 2018, 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, located in High School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order & Roll Call

President Graber called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and roll was taken. The following board members were present: President Graber, Vice President Vorthmann, Sally Myers, Mickey Stogdill, Student Representative Alora Nowlin, and Heidi Guttan-Fox via telephone.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to amend the agenda, adding Accept Letter from Treynor Teacher Association. Motion carried 5-0.

Accept Letter from Treynor Teacher Association

President Graber acknowledged receipt of a letter from Treynor Education Association notifying the Board of Education of its intent to bargain the master contract for 2019-2020 and beyond if both parties so agree.

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)

President Graber welcomed all visitors. No visitors chose to participate in the open forum.

Facilities

Opening/Consideration/Acceptance of Sealed Bid(s) for General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, Not to Exceed \$9,975,000

Travis Squires, Piper Jaffray, was at the meeting to address the sale of \$9,975,000 General Obligation School Bonds, congratulating Treynor Schools and the Treynor community on a successful bond referendum on September 11, 2018. He summarized the bids received electronically at 1:30 pm. He also noted the District's Standard & Poor's A+ Rating, given prior to the sale of the bonds. Maintaining the A+ Rating is important for the district. Eight bids were received for consideration, rated on True Interest Rate to award the winning bid. The winning bid came from FTN Financial

Capital Markets, Memphis, TN, with a True Interest Rate of 3.443879%. The sale was restructured to a final par amount of \$9,840,000, with a True Interest Rate of 3.451676% to allow flexibility in structuring repayment. The remaining bonds, \$1,660,000, will be sold next spring. Interest earned on bond proceeds collected prior to construction will be used for the project.

Director Vorthmann introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Stogdill seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Myers-Aye, Vorthmann-Aye, Graber-Aye, Stogdill-Aye, and Guttau-Fox-Aye. President Graber declared the following Resolution adopted:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF \$9,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS,
SERIES 2018**

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice as required by law, bids have been received at public sale for the Bonds and evaluated; and the best bid was determined:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TREYNOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. That the bid for the Bonds was determined by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and the Financial Advisor to be the best and most favorable bid received. Bonds are awarded, based on the following bid:

Bidder: FTN Financial Capital Markets of Memphis, TN

Purchase Price:	\$9,869,936.94
Net Interest Cost:	\$4,617,119.75
True Interest Cost:	3.451676%

Section 2. That the form of contract for the sale of the Bonds is approved and the President and Secretary are authorized and directed to execute the contract for sale of the Bonds on behalf of the School District.

Section 3. That all acts of the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor done in furtherance of the sale of the Bonds are ratified and approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of November, 2018.

Amy Graber, President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST: Cindy L. VanFosson, Secretary of the Board of Directors

Update on Drafts of Plans

The board reviewed the first draft of plans for the transportation facility. A meeting with the architect is scheduled for November 30, 2018, to discuss the drawing and provide additional input in order to finalize the plans.

Interim Superintendent Howell discussed visits to three additional auditoriums by her, Jill Davis, Michael Stinman, and Jeff Schoening. During the architect meeting on November 30th discussion will include recommendations and considerations for the first draft of the fine arts complex.

Update from City of Treynor

Interim Superintendent Howell provided a summary of her meeting with Kelly Groskurth, from the City of Treynor, regarding a possible housing development project, tax increment financing, and the possible collaboration regarding the road to the bus transportation site. A team from the city will meet with Director Vorthmann and Howell prior to the architect meeting for discussion regarding the road.

Update on Geotechnical Engineering Services

Interim Superintendent Howell told board members drilling has been completed for soil testing of the construction sites – a necessary step before moving forward.

It's All About the Learning - Music

Michael Stinman, Jill Davis, and Jeff Schoening were at the meeting to provide an overview of the district's music programs, including philosophy of instruction, student participation, successes, and upcoming events. Both vocal and instrumental departments are busy and participation has increased in recent years. The teachers stated their appreciation of the Treynor Music Boosters and their continued support of the music departments.

Treynor Foundation Update

Tad McDowell, a parent in the Treynor Community School District, presented a plan to implement a Treynor Community School District Foundation. A meeting including McDowell, Howell, and Mr. Mick Guttau and a team from TS Bank was held prior to the board meeting to discuss the possibility of the development of a Treynor CSD Foundation and collaboration with TS Bank. The school district's attorney will be reviewing all documentation concerning the creation of a Treynor Community School District Foundation and will provide guidance and recommendations based on state and/or federal law.

Financial Tip

Business Manager VanFosson provided explanations for the terms new money, regular program funding, and solvency ratio, stressing the importance of continually monitoring financial benchmarks to maintain a strong financial position.

Athletics – Cooperative Sharing Agreements

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to approve athletic sharing agreements for 2018-2019 for the following: Boys' Bowling with Lewis Central (Lewis Central as host site) and Softball and Baseball with Heartland Christian (Treynor as host site). A fee of \$250 per student, covering the cost of equipment and meet transportation, will be paid to the host site for athletes participating. Students are responsible for transportation to practice. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion: State Competitions

The board discussed various areas regarding state competitions to assure consistency, including the definition of state event. Items considered were fan support, transportation to and from events, food allowance, overnight stays, and school dismissal. Superintendent Howell and Athletic Director Navara will work on creation of protocol to address state competitions.

Open Enrollment Requests

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Stogdill, to approve three open enrollment-in requests for 2018-2019. March 1st was the deadline for 2018-2019 open enrollment applications for grades 1-12, while September 1st was the deadline for kindergarten and preschool special education applications. Families are able to apply for open enrollment with a timeline waiver after stated deadlines with good cause exemptions allowed by Iowa Code. Motion carried 5-0.

Snow Removal Bids

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to approve the snow removal bid for the 2018-2019 winter from Frank Koricic. Two bids were received and considered.

Name	\$ per hour for plowing	\$ per hour for loader	\$ per ton for sand/salt
D.A.G. Inc.	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$360.00
Frank Koricic	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$85.00

Motion to approve the snow removal bid for the 2018-2019 winter from Frank Koricic was approved on a 5-0 vote of the board.

Foster Care – Memorandum of Agreement

Based on new expectations of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a Memorandum of Agreement between DHS and each school district is necessary. Items included in the agreement are transportation, data sharing, and the Title I foster care point of contact in the district. The objective of the memorandum is to ensure all students placed in foster care are receiving the services they need. A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Stogdill, to approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Iowa Department of Human Services. Motion carried 5-0.

Mental Health – Opportunities

School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) and Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) have identified mental health as a major issue in schools today, asking legislators to take a closer look as well as action to support schools. School districts will be required to provide all teachers with state-approved training modules next year addressing suicide prevention and trauma-sensitive schools. Forty-two schools across the AEAs will be chosen to participate in training programs over a three-year grant period. Those schools will be identified by the Iowa Department of Education based on specific criteria and need. A solution for bringing mental health services to our students, in our buildings, is being considered. This would mean a clearly defined collaborative relationship with a mental health provider, with all services approved by parents and covered by them or their insurance carrier. It was a consensus of the board that looking for ways to make mental health services conveniently available for our students and their parents is something they would support. Interim Superintendent Howell will work with Mrs. Currin and Ms. Laughlin, guidance counselors, to provide more information on possible collaborative solutions for mental health services.

Superintendent Search Update

The following are key dates regarding the search for a new superintendent:

November 16, 2018 – The position was posted on TeachIowa and other appropriate web sites by Grundmeyer Leader Search.

January 6, 2019 – Deadline for all applications.

January 24, 2019 – Closed board session to enable board to determine a short list of candidates for digital interviews.

January 30, 2019 – Closed board session to complete digital interviews, followed by determination of 2-4 finalists to be interviewed.

February 13, 2019 – Formal interviews with teams representing students, teachers, staff, administrators, community members, and board members.

February 13, 2019 – Closed board session followed by an open session to review the formal interviews and determine the new superintendent.

Appointment to Pottawattamie County Assessor Conference Board

Sally Myers nominated Brandon Vorthmann as Treynor Community School District representative on the Pottawattamie County Assessor Conference Board. Graber seconded the nomination. Typically, the Conference Board meets twice a year. The duties of the Conference Board members are to approve the Assessor's Office budget and to appoint or re-appoint an eligible person as assessor every six years. The nomination was approved on a 5-0 vote of the board.

Principals' Updates

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported:

- 1) Provided a report of average gain score for reading, math, and science from the 17-18 Iowa Assessment.
- 2) Provided the Iowa Report Card for Treynor Elementary. For 2017 Treynor Elementary was ranked as High-Performing.
- 3) Stated administrators and teachers are working on ways to make the transition from 5th grade to 6th grade more successful for Treynor students.

Interim Superintendent Howell reviewed the Middle School report in the absence of Mrs. Berens:

- 1) Boys Town Suicide Prevention Training called "Coping Through the Teen Years," was attended by all MVP Mentors and several middle school students.
- 2) Parent-Teacher Conferences had a 41% attendance.

Mr. McNeal, High School Principal, reported:


- 1) Successes this fall include the Musical "Legally Blond," the football team made the play-offs, the volleyball team qualified for the state tournament, and two cross country athletes qualified for the state meet.
- 2) A Veterans Day assembly was held on November 12th to honor local veterans.
- 3) Approximately 200 Special Olympic athletes and coaches from western Iowa attended a Special Olympics event hosted by Treynor basketball players and cheerleaders on November 13th. This is the 5th year Treynor has hosted this event and participation continues to increase.
- 4) Provided updated ACT scores for the Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020. We are looking for ways to encourage students to utilize the John Baylor "On To College" software to help students increase ACT scores.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Vorthmann, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



Board President



Board Secretary